

ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional) Senator Carl Levin Request for Declassification of Documents Pertaining to the Disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Congressional Affairs
General Counsel

VIA: Chief, Liaison Group
Office of Congressional Affairs

Chief, Congressional Affairs Group
Operations and Resource Management Staff
Directorate of Operations

FROM: []
Congressional Affairs Group
Operations and Resource Management Staff
Directorate of Operations

SUBJECT: Request by Senator Carl Levin for
Declassification of Two CIA/Directorate
of Operations Documents Pertaining
to the Disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg

1. The following is in response to the General Counsel's inquiry regarding the justification of continuing to classify two documents (2 August 1956 and 16 October 1992) which pertain to the disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg. The request for declassification of these two documents was made by Senator Levin via a 12 December 1995 letter to the DCI.

2. Upon receipt of Senator Levin's request, the two documents in question were forwarded to the Information Review office of the Directorate of Operations (DO/IRO) to evaluate for possible declassification. DO/IRO determined that due to the operational information contained in these documents, the documents must remain classified pursuant to the National Security Act of 1947.

3. The 2 August 1956 document did not meet the criteria for declassification as it identifies the name of an asset of an operation unrelated to Wallenberg. In addition, this document contains the location of CIA/DO presence in Germany after 1955,

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operational cryptonyms, names of covert CIA officers, as well as organizational file names.

4. The 16 October 1992 document did not meet declassification criteria as it contains information from a liaison service as well as comments by the Chief of a liaison service. This document also contains the location of CIA/DO presence, operational crypts, organizational titles/addressees, and a 201 file number.

5. Attached for your reference are the original versions of each document as well as the sanitized versions (copies of which Senator Levin submitted with his request). Please note: The sanitized versions (which are attached) contain the DO/IRO notations which outline specifically why the request for declassification of these two documents has been denied.

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Chief of Base, Pullach

2 August 1956

Chief of Station, Germany

Info: EE

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Search Request

REFERENCE: ECLA-19666, 21 June 1956

Intelligence

1. This is only a "stab in the dark" but the subject of the reference may possibly be identical with:

A. PROHANE, Helmut: Helmut: Subject was dropped Feb 54 when he failed to return from his last assigned mission (120 days overdue). He was a department chief of the Reichsbahn living at Klingenburg, Bez. Dresden. He is 178 cm tall and has dark blond hair. (Dropped Agent - Feb 54)

B. SCHNEIDER, Helmut: Subject is known to you. (ECLA-16694, 18 Nov 55) ✓

C. SCHNEIDER, Helmut (1st Lt.): Subject is a German officer held in the USSR in Camp 6124, Stalingrad, April 1952. (Information dated 10 Oct 52)

2. Information in our files on Hercul WALLBERG has been studied without result. >>

3. There is no information in our files on the "BERNDIG Group".

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TO: DIRECTOR.

FOR: LIMIT C/EUR/BNL INFO DC/EUR/N, CHIEF/EUR, DC/CE,
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SLUGS: WNINTEL []

SUBJECT: CHIEF OF SURETE REQUEST RE RAOUL WALLENBERG

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PROVIDE ANY PASSABLE INFO ON
WALLENBERG PRIOR COB 6 NOVEMBER.

2. CHIEF OF BELGIAN SURETE, [], ASKED COS
ON 15 OCTOBER FOR ANY DATA ON CURRENT STATUS OF WALLENBERG, WHO
DISAPPEARED AT THE END OF WW II IN HUNGARY, AND WHO, ACCORDING
TO AUTHORITIES IN FORMER USSR AND CURRENT RUSSIA, IS DEAD.
WHILE [] HAD MENTIONED ISSUE IN PAST, APPARENTLY
FISHING, HE NEVER ACTUALLY ASKED FOR ANY INFORMATION. ON 15
OCTOBER, [] CAME BACK TO THE RAOUL WALLENBERG CASE. HE
SAID THAT THE HEAD OF THE WALLENBERG INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE IS
A BELGIAN WOMAN WELL CONNECTED TO KING BAUDOUIN. FOR SOME TIME
BOTH SHE AND THE PALACE HAVE BEEN PRESSURING HIM TO DETERMINE
WALLENBERG'S CURRENT STATUS; I.E., DEAD OR ALIVE AND WHERE.
ISSUE HAS APPARENTLY BECOME ENOUGH OF A PROBLEM FOR HIM THAT HE
HAS COME TO US FOR HELP. AS HQS KNOWS FROM PREVIOUS TRAFFIC,
IT IS A DIFFICULT TIME IN HIS CAREER. HE WOULD PROBABLY
APPRECIATE THE CHANCE TO LOOK GOOD IN THE KING'S EYES. IF AT
ALL POSSIBLE, WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND IN A POSITIVE MANNER.
BECAUSE CHIEF/EUR IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE FOR A VISIT DURING
WHICH HE WILL BE HOSTED BY [] IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A
REPLY BE IN [] HANDS PRIOR TO CHIEF/EUR'S ARRIVAL.

3. [] SAID THAT HE HAD ACQUIRED, OR BEEN GIVEN, AN
OLD PHOTO WHICH HE HAD HAD ENLARGED OF, ALLEGEDLY, A SCENE IN A
SOVIET CONCENTRATION CAMP PURPORTING TO SHOW WALLENBERG. HE
HAD FOUND THE PHOTO INCONCLUSIVE. HE HAD ALSO ASKED HIS KGB
LIAISON LAST YEAR FOR ANY INFORMATION, A FRUITLESS EXERCISE.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION WHICH
WE MAY PASS TO HIM. A TEAR LINE WOULD BE PREFERABLE. HOWEVER,
WILL BE GLAD TO PASS IT ORALLY IF NEEDED. THANKS.

5. FILE: [] DECL OADR DRV LIA 1-87.

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TO: DIRECTOR.

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SUBJECT:

Liaison Service

REF: NONE

TEXT:

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Liaison Service

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Chief of Service*

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

General Counsel

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To: []

John,

We seem a bit harsh
on this - How can we justify
continuing to classify a 40 year
document? I think if we're
going to do it, we owe Senator
Levin a much much better
explanation -

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